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Mr. Vernon Williams, Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 "K" Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20423-0001

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**Re: Docket No. Ab-33 (Sub-No. 153X) - Union Pacific Railroad  
Company - Abandonment Exemption - in Monroe County, IA  
(Oskaloosa Subdivision between Eddyville, IA and Maxon, IA)**

Dear Mr. Williams:

The Union Pacific Railroad Company ("Union Pacific") has received a fifth request from the Iowa Trails Council for an 180-day extension in which to complete negotiations for the acquisition of that portion of the Union Pacific's right-of-way in Monroe County, Iowa between Milepost 315.0 and 322.9 for an interim recreational trail. The Union Pacific is willing to continue to negotiate with the Iowa Trails Council concerning the acquisition of the subject property for interim recreational trail use and supports the Iowa Trails Council's request for an extension of the negotiation period for 180-days commencing April 5, 2006. A copy of the Iowa Trails Council's request dated October 2, 2006 is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and hereby made a part hereof.

An additional ten (10) copies of this letter and exhibit are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

Very truly yours,

Enclosures

cc: Tom F. Neenan,  
Iowa Trails Council

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*Continue negotiations!*



EXHIBIT A

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October 2, 2006

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Re AB 33 ( Sub No. 153 X)

Dear Mr. Williams

We have, as yet been unable to reach an agreement for the purchase of the Union Pacific Railroad land in Monroe County, Iowa, between milepost 315.1 and 322.9, known as the southern segment of the Oskaloosa Subdivision.

We are requesting additional time in which to pursue this acquisition and would be pleased if you would grant an additional 6 months in which to complete these negotiations.

We are sending a copy of this request to the Union Pacific offices in Omaha and Chicago and trust that the Railroad will agree to this extension of time. In addition to this FAX copy we are mailing ten copies to your office.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Tom F. Neenan

**Affiliates:** American Discovery Trail Society-American Hiking Society-Rails/Trails Conservancy-American Trails